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In re Application of:

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 15, 2005

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This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated July 15, 2005, for which the two-month date for response is September 15, 2005.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2108.002800.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.